

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-37 and 39 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-36 and 39 are allowed. Claim 37 is rejected as unpatentable over United States Patent 6,687,225 to Kawarai et al. in view of United States Patent 6,404,737 to Novick et al.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-36 and 39. In the interest of advancing prosecution, claim 37 is hereby canceled. As a result, it is believed that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help expedite allowance of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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